The Roman Catholic/Orthodox Christian Study Fellowship
2011 - 2012

Becoming Disciples of Christ
Walking in the Footsteps of the Lord Jesus

As you have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so you must continue to walk in Him.
- Colossians 2:6

By this we may be sure that we live in Him:
whoever says "I live in Him" ought to walk just as He walked.
- 1 John 2:6

Roman Catholic and Orthodox Christians must think of themselves first and foremost as disciples of Christ, followers of their crucified and risen Master, walking as He walked, living as He lived - and at a deeper level, living in Him, to His glory, by the power and grace of the Holy Spirit. This year our book study will focus on the person of the Lord Jesus: who He is, what He taught, how He lived; and ultimately, His crucifixion and resurrection from the dead to offer us redemption, freedom from sin and death, and the hope of eternal life.

October 4th – opening potluck at St. John Neumann 6:30 – 9PM

Jesus of Nazareth (Volume 1) by Pope Benedict XVI

Pope Benedict XVI describes *Jesus of Nazareth* as the fruit of his own "personal search for the face of the Lord" (xxiii).

November 1st – meeting at St. Paul's 7 – 9PM

Jesus of Nazareth (Volume 2) by Pope Benedict XVI

"Only if Jesus is risen has anything really occurred that changes the world and the situation of mankind." *Jesus of Nazareth*, Vol. 2, 242

December 6th – meeting at St. Paul's 7 – 9PM

Jesus: A Dialogue with the Savior by Father Lev Gillet

A collection of 46 meditations about what it means to know and follow Jesus.

January 3rd – meeting at St. Paul's 7 – 9PM

The Ladder of the Beatitudes by Jim Forest

The Church recognizes in these verses a summary of Christ's teaching, a synopsis of the whole Gospel. To be a Christian is to live the Beatitudes.

February 7th – meeting at St. Paul's 7 – 9PM

Meditations on a Theme by Metropolitan Anthony Bloom

"We must mold our minds and hearts so that we should have the mind of Christ – meditation on the Gospel, to grasp with intellectual integrity what the Lord said in all truth, and not what we wish him to have said; the ability by an effort of moral integrity to see that these words of God judge us and lead us into a greater measure of truth." (p. 19)

March 6th – meeting at St. Paul's 7 – 9PM

The Lord's Prayer by Father Alexander Schmemann

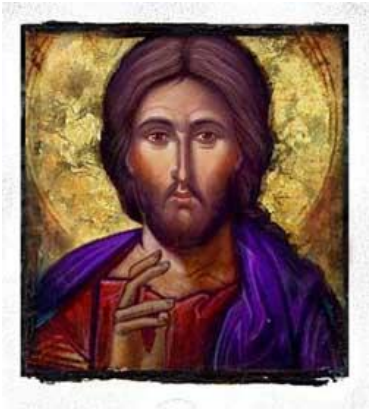
"Thy will be done" – but in fact we are thinking "our will be done," and thus this third petition of the Lord's Prayer is first of all a kind of judgment on us, a judgment of our faith."

April 3rd - meeting at St. Paul's 7 – 9PM

Letters to Marc about Jesus by Father Henri Nouwen

In seven letters to his then nineteen year-old nephew, Father Nouwen shares his conviction that Jesus is the center of his life and a foundation on which the lives of others can be built. "When you admit Jesus to your heart, nothing is predictable but everything becomes possible."

May 1st - closing potluck at St. John Neumann 6:30 – 9PM

Jesus through the Centuries by Jaroslav Pelikan

"Jesus of Nazareth has been the dominant figure in the history of Western culture for almost 20 centuries. For each age the life and teachings of Jesus represented an answer (or, more often, *the* answer) to the most fundamental questions of human existence and of human destiny."